

Updated 3/30/12

Early Intervention Committee Work Plan for 2011-2012

Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education

1. Eligibility Change Long Term Goal: Advocate for an expansion in eligibility for ILP services to all Alaskan children with a 25% delay or greater.

A. Eligibility Change Short Term Goal: Assist in implementing funding for eligibility expansion

| Activity | Who | Target Date | Completed? |
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| 1. Develop and Implement an Advocacy Plan for increase State funding in FY2013 | Jennifer, Amy, Heidi, Linda, Erin, Legislative Committee | 1/2012 | |
| 2. Receive education on implementation plan for Medicaid billing of EI/ILP services | Erin, EIC, Jennifer | Fall Face-to-face | May meeting? |
| 3. Review and comment on Medicaid billing regulations regarding EI/ILP billable services when available | EIC, Jennifer | When Available | No regs |
| 4. Update and report on data from state on pilot project data of eligibility expansion | Linda | October 2011 | Completed |
| 5. Advocate for private insurance billing for ILP services | Erin, EIC, Jennifer | Ongoing | |

2. DHH Long Term Goal: Address concerns about early intervention services for children who are deaf or hard of hearing

DHH Short Term Goal: Explore evidence based practices for educating young children who are deaf or hard of hearing

| Activity | Who | Target Date | Completed? |
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| 1. Review best practices in education of young children who experience D/HH families and make recommendations | Jennifer , Beth, EIC, Dean, Sharon | 12/2011 | |
| 2. Support parent to parent opportunities across the state for parent support and mentorship | Stone Soup, Beth, SSFDHH, LINKS, EIC, Jennifer | Ongoing | Completed |
| 3. Support local ILP to create D/HH expertise a. increase D/HH expertise at PIC b. ongoing D/HH training for ILP providers statewide | EIC, Jennifer, Amy, AILPA, Erin | Ongoing | |
| 4. Promote policy changes to facilitate early intervention and parent choice in educational paths for children who experience deafness or hard of hearing. • Where are children transitioning to from ILP? ASSDHH? Or Local School District preschool? | EIC, Jennifer Dianne DiSanto | Ongoing | Completed ILP Standards |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What supports are available for more rural or remote communities to educate D/HH? | | | |
| 5. Investigate barriers parents experience of infants and toddlers who are D/HH when seeking services in the state. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What information are parents receiving and when? Who gives the information to parents? What questions are not being asked or answered? Who else needs to be included? | EIC, Jennifer, Amy, AILPA, Erin, Beth | 2/2012 | Completed |
| 6. Implement EHDI/ILP data sharing to the extent possible | Jennifer, Beth, Erin | 11/2011 | Ongoing |

3. Advocacy Long Term Goal: Advocate for a Early Intervention Family Alliance (EIFA) chapter/participation to Alaska

| Activity | Who | Target Date | Completed? |
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| A. Identify partners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recruit parents of young children with disabilities Partner with PTI to promote advocacy | EIC Members, SSG | 12/2011 | Completed |
| B. Identify a potential home for EIFA | EIC Members/Stone Soup Group | 7/31/11 | Completed |
| C. Host meeting of partners to organize chapter development | JJ, Amy, Kelly D | 3/2012 | Completed |

4. Parent Training Long Term Goal: Support Stone Soup Group to host and annual parent conference

| Activity | Who | Target Date | Completed? |
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| A. Provide suggestions on funding ideas | EIC members, SSG | 11/2011 | N/A |
| B. Provide suggestions for disability experts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote D/HH panel to discuss changing intervention/education due to technology/early identification. | EIC members, SSG | As planning begins | N/A |
| C. Provide assistance in conference planning suggestions | EIC members, SSG | As planning begins | N/A |
| D. Host a community forum at the conference | GCDSE | At conference | N/A |

5. Workforce Development Long Term Goal: Increase EC qualified workforce and increase ILP staff recruitment and retention

A. Workforce Development Short Term Goal: Advocate for UA to create a recruitment program for scholarship students to study EC

| Activity | Who | Target Date | Completed? |
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| 1. Identify agencies with EI vacancies specific to disciplines <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify barriers to filling those vacancies How long has there been a vacancy What is the turnover rate | Lizette, Meghan Johnson, EIC ISER (UAA) | 2/2012 | |
| 2. Explore avenues for ILP to find highly qualified personnel | Lizette, Meghan Johnson, EIC | 3/2012 | |
| 3. Develop tool to recruit individuals in pre-service to EC/ILP | Lizette, Meghan Johnson, EIC | 4/2012 | |
| 4. Create a ILP internship stipend program for ILP providers | Lizette, Meghan Johnson, EIC | 5/2012 | |

B. Workforce Development Short Term Goal: Advocate for a forgiveness of students loans to support staff recruitment and retention

| Activity | Who | Target Date | Completed? |
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| 1. Expansion of State Loan Repayment Program for Alaska "SHARP" to include OT/PT/SLP | Jennifer, EIC | 12/2011 | |

6. ICC Duties-ongoing

| Activity | Who | Target Date | Completed? |
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| Provide comment on ILP state/federal regulations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Educate EIC about regulation process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invite Kurt West to fall face-to-face to explain process Overview from Erin on proposed changes Prepare comment on state regulations Organize opportunities for stakeholders to give public comment Disseminate and educate on the federal part C regulations | Jennifer, Erin, Amy, EIC | Ongoing Spring 2012 | Completed |
| ILP Annual Report to Governor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review, comment, sign and forward report to Governor | Jennifer, Amy, Eric, EIC | 1/2012 | Completed |
| Input on ILP FY11 APR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide recommendations to Part C Coordinator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Educate EIC about roles and responsibilities at fall face-to-face Review all APR indicators | | Ongoing | Completed |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Give annual written comments and suggestions for state improvement activities to State Part C Coordinator | | | |
| Review Council Bi-laws regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICC membership and defining it within the Council structure • Ensure open space requirements | Amy, EIC, Jennifer, Millie, Teresa, Council | 5/2012 Ongoing | Completed |